HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 905 By Casada

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Denise Beaman upon being named Franklin Special Schools District Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman, a mathematics teacher at Freedom Middle School, has recently been selected as Franklin Special Schools District (FSSD) Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; this is the third year she has been nominated for the award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beaman graduated in 1992 with Bachelor of Science degrees in Mathematics and Math/Education from McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas; she taught high school math for two years in Peabody, Kansas, and in 1997, began teaching math at Freedom Middle School; she has taught many levels of math and currently teaches geometry, Algebra I, and eighth grade math; and

WHEREAS, not content to limit her professional efforts to the classroom, Ms. Beaman has served with acumen and alacrity for eight years at the middle school in numerous capacities, including sponsor for the school math club, math department chair, team leader, member of the SIP steering committee, after-school tutor, yearbook co-advisor, member of the mathematics interview process, and data analysis delegate;

WHEREAS, in addition, Denise Beaman has served as a representative for Freedom Middle School on several FSSD committees, including the Design Team, Framework for

Understanding Poverty Training Team, Math Textbook Adoption Committee in 1999 and 2005, Pre-AP Math Team, Mentor for New Teachers Team, and Math Curriculum Team; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of Tennessee Math Teachers Association, Middle Tennessee Math Teachers, and Alpha Delta Kappa; dedicated and enthusiastic, she served as an Algebra I Gateway presenter for the State of Tennessee from 2000 to 2002, and is a mentor in the Beginning and New Teacher Induction Program (BANTIP), assisting newer teachers as they assimilate to the teaching profession and the school district; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Beaman was named "Rookie Teacher of the Year" in 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she will represent FSSD at the State Teacher of the Year level later this year; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Denise Beaman is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Brian, an employee of Dave Ramsey at the Lampo Group, Inc.; and three sons, seven-year-old Andrew, three-year-old Alec, and Aaron, who is seven months old; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman and her family are active and devout members of Holy Family Catholic Church in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, Denise Beaman truly epitomizes the model of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Denise Beaman of Freedom Middle School upon her selection as Franklin Special Schools District Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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